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LACONIA OUTRAGE IS 'OVERT ACT,' WILSON IS INFORMED

American Woman Honored as Heroine of Sea Disaster

HAWAII PROHIBITION BILLS DEBATED IN DRAMATIC SENATE SCENE TODAY

President Chillingworth Leaves Chair to Advocate "Dry" Legislation From Floor—Shingle Opposes Measure—Pacheco Offers Amendment Calling for Vote of People in July, Possible Prohibition December 31

At 3:15 this afternoon the senate committee of the whole voted to recommend the adoption of the prohibition bill with the provision referring it to vote of the people on July 14, 1917.

Section by section this afternoon a new prohibition measure, which includes besides the proposal of Senator Charles F. Chillingworth, the Webb-Kenyon clause on importation by individuals, is being threshed out by the senate, resolved for the purpose into a committee of the whole.

Probabilities are strong that the proposed bill will pass the committee, be amended by Senator M. C. Pacheco for a vote of the people, and come again to the floor of the house for decision. Pacheco proposes a vote on July 14, prohibition to become effective December 31 if the "dry" carry the election.

It is also said that the bill bearing the plebiscite amendment will pass on the floor if taken up later this afternoon. The senate chamber this afternoon witnessed one of the most dramatic scenes of its history when Senator Chillingworth, father of Senator Bill No. 5, left his chair as president and took the floor to support the measure.

Chillingworth pleaded for the bill for Hawaii and the Hawaiian Islands. "I am a Hawaiian myself," he said, "and I know whereof I speak."

He swung his big arms out toward a group of stavedowns who had gathered to hear the debate, pointing them out one by one to tell of why they want prohibition in Hawaii.

"Those men would not have voted for prohibition 10 years ago," he said, "but they would do it now. They have learned by experience."

Shingle Cites Platform
Senator R. W. Shingle started the debate when he rose to announce his intention of moving that the bill be tabled. He cited the platforms on which Republicans for years past have been elected—application of the present liquor laws instead of alteration of them, and declared his intention to stand by those pledges. He also read from the Democratic platform to support his claims.

Shingle declared that consideration of the bill would mean to refer it to a committee, and after some 50 days or so of work on it, have it defeated by senators who would stand by their platform. There were big things to do in the days ahead, he asserted—military, land and other vital questions to work out. He moved that the bill be deferred indefinitely.

Senator E. W. Quinn seconded him. Chillingworth rose to declare that this was not fair play, in view of Pacheco's announced intent of moving to refer the measure to the people. As to importance, he said, the

NO ARMED GUARD IS PLACED UPON GERMAN VESSELS

Additional Watchers and Patrol Not Deemed Needed on Waterfront Now

With everything quiet along the waterfront today no unusual precautions other than those which have been taken by the customs authorities ever since the outbreak of February 4 are being enforced.

At noon Collector of the Port Malcolm A. Franklin said he had not ordered any armed guards placed again aboard any of the refugee German merchant vessels in port. The guards were taken off on orders from Washington early last week. Customs inspectors are watching the steamers day and night, however.

Capt. William R. Foster, harbor master, said today no additional patrol has been ordered on the waterfront other than that effective since the trouble started February 4. He said the only unusual incident reported to him today was the finding of a wooden piece from a hand-operated steering wheel floating in the slip near the Holstadts. This was found on Monday, having evidently been thrown overboard from the Holstadts or some of the refugee merchantmen nearby.

There was a rumor today that smashing blows had been heard coming from the engine room of the Holstadts last night but Collector Franklin said no report of such an incident had been made to him by the customs inspector watching the refugee steamers in that part of the harbor.

Rumors that the refugee merchantmen are to be moved from their present berths to Pearl Harbor were in circulation today but no confirmation could be obtained from the customs authorities or the harbor board. Commissioner James Wakefield said the board had not taken any action toward moving them.

C. M. Schwab Not Coming Here on Trip This Spring

Charles M. Schwab, the Bethlehem magnate, and Mrs. Schwab are not coming to Hawaii, as they planned to do a few months ago. Their plans were to make the visit here with the new liner Maui on her maiden voyage. Information received by the Star-Bulletin direct from Mr. Schwab's office, 111 Broadway, New York, is that owing to the fact that both have been somewhat indisposed, it will be impossible for them to come.

LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

PENSION FOR GEN. FUNSTON'S WIDOW
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—A special pension bill granting \$100 per month to the widow of Gen. Funston passed the senate today.

"BONE-DRY" POSTAL BILL AMENDMENT DOUBTFUL
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Final passage of the postal appropriation bill with the "bone-dry" amendment now seems in grave doubt. The amendment would prevent any publication which advertises liquors being allowed to pass through the mails into "dry" states. The conferees are unable to break the deadlock on another amendment, that to renew the pneumatic tube contracts for the postoffices in several large cities. The opponents of the "bone-dry" amendment are jubilant, seeing defeat for the prohibition forces.

ACCEPT BUT DISAPPROVE REPORT OF CARDEN
Following a sharp tilt between Chairman Charles R. Forbes and Commissioner W. T. Carden over Carden's dissenting minority report holding that the Honolulu Gas Company is doing a street-lighting business, the public utilities commission at 2:50 this afternoon voted to make Carden's report of record but to disapprove it. Forbes and Commissioner A. J. Gignoux voted for the motion, which was put by Forbes. Carden voted against it. Carden's report was filed Monday.

MUCH SICKNESS ON STEAMER CHINA
Quite a collection of diseases is on board the China Mail liner China, which arrived this afternoon from the Orient. She landed two passengers at Nagasaki suffering from smallpox. There are on board today one case of chickenpox, three of measles and one of mumps. Cabin passengers and saloon officers only were allowed ashore this afternoon by Dr. F. E. Trotter, chief quarantine officer.

AGENTS DENY RUMORS AS TO GREAT NORTHERN
Rumors in circulation Monday and today that the Hill liner Great Northern, had been disabled and was leaking at sea were absolutely denied this afternoon at 3 o'clock by the local agency, Fred L. Waldron, Ltd. "There is positively nothing the matter. We have been in wireless communication with the Great Northern ever since she left Sunday. She will arrive in San Francisco Thursday afternoon," said President Fred L. Waldron at 3 o'clock.

BOARD TO DISCUSS TREE-CUTTING TONIGHT
At the meeting this evening of the board of supervisors the principal question which will come up for a decision is whether a number of ironwood trees in Kapiolani park shall be cut down under the scheme for improving Kalakaua avenue. It is expected that a large number of the citizens and members of the city planning commission will be present to argue against the destruction of the trees and suggest plans to save them. On the other hand, the city attorney's department will take the stand that the trees should be cut, as the board, representing the city, has already decided they shall be cut when it approved the plans and specifications and let the contract for the work to the Spaulding Construction Company.

PORTO RICO FACES FOOD FAMINE AND CANE STRIKE IS ON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Feb. 27.—The food situation in Porto Rico has reached a serious crisis. The governor today called on the sugar planters and urged them to use part of their land to raise vegetables. He said that in the event of war the island, if cut off, as it might be, from communication with mainland United States, might be so short of food that widespread starvation would follow.
The price of foodstuffs now is so high that the poor live with difficulty.
Twenty-five thousand employees in the cane fields are striking for higher wages, but there are no disorders.

OIL LAND FIGHT CAN'T BE SETTLED AT THIS SESSION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The California oil-land leasing bill is dead for the present session and a settlement of the oil land claims against the government will not be reached. There is no hope for the passage of the leasing bill and it is doubtful if it will be brought up as opposition would prevent a vote being taken.
C. S. ALBERT.

CROXTON LEAVES NATIONAL GUARD

Because of an order from the War Department stating that no officer of the regular army can accept a commission with the National Guard during the time of peace, Col. Richard Croxton, commander of the 1st Hawaii Infantry, National Guard, has tendered his resignation to take effect March 1.

This order came as a surprise to both regular and National Guard officers and was learned with regret as Col. Croxton is well liked in the guard. He will, however, remain as instructor and inspector of the guard.
Col. Croxton handed his resignation in today to Governor L. E. Pinkham and it was accepted.

This leaves a vacancy in the 1st Infantry which will now have to be filled by one of the officers of the regiment. Today no name was suggested for the position and it will probably be several days before the governor announces the appointment.

POLICE COMMITTEE IS OPPOSED TO CHANGING AGE LIMIT FOR DRIVERS

Concerning the petition presented several weeks ago to the board of supervisors asking that the age limit of 17 be either changed or abolished for drivers of automobiles, the police committee of the Chamber of Commerce reports that for the safety and comfort of the public the age limit should not be changed at this time.

SUBMARINES COME FOR QUARTERLY FUEL OIL

Two of the submarines of the third submarine division, stationed at Pearl Harbor, came over to this port today and took on their regular quarterly supply of fuel oil for their motors. They are the K-3 and K-8. The submarines tied up at the navy slip, took on the oil and left before noon on the return trip to their base. The other two undersea raiders, the K-7

Army Officer's Wife is Leader In Rescue Work

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Feb. 27.—Mrs. F. B. Harris, wife of an American army officer and a passenger on the Laconia, is honored as the heroine of the Laconia disaster.
As they left the ship, which picked them up and brought them to land, the survivors were loudly cheered and Mrs. Harris especially so. She was the last to leave the Laconia, getting in the captain's boat. In the midst of the panic the American woman displayed bravery in aiding others, in checking off the list of women and children to see that all were put in the boat and in looking after clothing for those who were too frightened to do so for themselves. She made the rounds of the ship with the captain just before taking to their boat.
She was landed from the rescue ship first, by order of the captain, and as she came down the gangplank she was accorded a demonstration.

Wants No Change In Wilson's Proposal

(Associated Press by Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—After a cabinet meeting today it was learned that the administration opposes any vital changes in the proposed legislation to authorize the president to protect American lives and American rights. The administration expects the bill as now framed to be adopted by Congress without material changes. The senate foreign relations committee today agreed to a bill authorizing the giving of naval guns and gunners for the use of merchant vessels and other means necessary to meet the developments of the submarine situation. This follows the precedent of 1915. The bill also empowers the president to use "other instrumentalities."

KUHO CABLES CONGRESS TRIP HERE NOW STOPPED

Uncertain conditions brought on by the international crisis and now pending have caused postponement of the proposed visit to Hawaii of congressmen from Washington, according to a cable message received today by Senator R. W. Shingle from Delegate J. K. Kalaniano'ole. The delegate's message reads:
"Postponed congressional trip beyond March 24, owing to uncertainty of an extra session of Congress. Trip will be arranged later."

AMERICAN BARK FIRED ON BY TEUTON SUBMARINES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Belated news of a German submarine attack upon a vessel flying the American flag was brought in yesterday by the American bark Galena, whose log shows that she was fired upon by a submarine on her outward voyage from this port for Rouen. She was attacked off the French coast and was rescued by British destroyers, who dashed to her assistance in response to her distress signals. On the approach of the destroyers the submarine dived for safety. The attack took place on November 27.

PORTUGUESE DESTROYERS SINK TEUTON DIVER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 27.—News of the sinking of a German submarine off Cape St. Vincent by Portuguese destroyers last week was brought to this port yesterday by one of the arriving steamers from Europe. The submarine was sunk with its crew.

BERNSTORFF AND PARTY SOON TO BE RELEASED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
HALLIFAX, N. S. Feb. 27.—German Ambassador von Bernstorff and his party, leaving the United States, are still held up here by the examination by British officials. They will probably depart soon as the examinations are almost completed.

Robert L. Pitts & Son, private bankers of Chicago, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, giving assets of \$245,324 and liabilities of \$189,072, and K-8, will probably come for oil within a day or two. The cruiser St. Louis is still at Pearl Harbor.

EXPOSURE AFTER LINER SUNK KILLS TWO WOMEN OF CHICAGO; BERLIN TELLS OF MORE HAVOC

German Reports Say British Transport and 11 Steamers Destroyed—Bryan Opposes Granting Wilson Powers Asked in Address

(Associated Press by Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The sinking of the Laconia was an "overt act" according to the official information in the hands of President Wilson tonight.
As the president asked, officials confirmed reports of the deaths of Americans and the torpedoing of the Laconia without warning, establishing the case on an "overt act" basis. The officials regard this as "another Lusitania case" in principle. Though fewer people were lost than in the sinking of that vessel, the Laconia attack is regarded as the clearest violation of American rights and no further investigation is considered necessary.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., Feb. 27.—Ten Americans killed as a result of the sinking of the Cunard liner Laconia Sunday night is the sum of official news at the American embassy and press reports from Queenstown and other points on the Irish coast where refugees were landed from the boats on which they had taken haven.

U. S. Consul Wesley Frost of Queenstown today telegraphed the American embassy that Mrs. Mary E. Hoy of Chicago and her young daughter died of exposure in a small boat and were buried at sea. It was first reported that they were drowned.

The Central News Agency has word today that eight American negroes, members of the crew of the big Cunarder, died of exposure also.

The Cunard office here gives the dead and missing as 12. Six are said to be in a serious condition in various hospitals, where they were taken after arrival on shore.

According to the stories of passengers, the big liner was torpedoed at 10 Sunday night and the submarine sent two explosives into her hull. The passengers and members of the crew were taken to the boats when the second missile was fired and the torpedo added to the destruction wrought by the first, making it certain that the steamer could not remain afloat.

The survivors were picked up at four Sunday morning. Many of them had only the scantiest clothing, having rushed from their beds to the deck and hurried, panic-stricken, into the boats. The weather was severe and in the open boats for many hours they suffered extremely.

There were twenty-six Americans aboard the liner, ten in the cabins and sixteen as members of the crew. Those who escaped were landed at Queenstown last night.

Berlin Claims British Transport and 21 Other Vessels Recently Sunk

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 27.—The German admiralty announces the sinking of the British transport A-19. No details are given. The admiralty also announces that returning submarines report the sinking of 11 steamers, two sailing-vessels and eight trawlers.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 27.—The British steamers Aries and Seagull have been sunk, the crews of both reaching land, it was announced by Lloyd's agency today. An earlier report said that the Aries of Eros had been sunk with the loss of a number of the crew. Lloyd's announced last night the sinking of the British steamer Algiers.

British Drive Back Germans Two Miles on Front of Eleven, West

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 27.—The greatest single success on the western front since the two great armies settled down to trench warfare has been won by the British troops operating north of the River Ancre, according to the official statement issued by the British war office last night.

The German line has been shattered over a width of eleven miles and driven back for a depth of two miles and is still in rapid retreat, so that no man knows what the result will be. It is the most tremendous victory that any of the fighting forces have gained in one day for more than two years of steady fighting on the western front, and means more than can be correctly estimated yet.

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 27.—The British forces succeeded in entering German lines east of Arras but were ejected by counter attacks. Many attacks on German positions were made yesterday and today between Ypres and the Somme river, according to official announcement.

William Jennings Bryan Hurrying To Washington to Oppose President

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, Feb. 27.—William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, arrived here today from his winter home near Miami with the statement that he is opposed to granting powers to the president such as the latter proposed in his message yesterday. Bryan declared that he is hurrying immediately to Washington to use his influence so that Congress will decline to grant the broad powers Mr. Wilson says should arm him to meet the emergencies likely to arise.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Yesterday	Today
Alaska Gold	7 1/2	7 1/2
American Smelter	98 1/2	99 1/2
American Sugar Ref.	112 1/2	112
American Tel. & Tel.	125	124 1/2
Anacosta Copper	79 3/4	80
Atchafalpa	102 1/2	102 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	72 3/4	73 1/4
Baltimore & Ohio	78 1/2	78 1/2
Bethlehem Steel (new)	125	125
Calif. Petroleum	82 1/2	82 1/2
Canadian Pacific	153 1/2	154 1/2
C. & M. St. P. (St. Paul)	81	80 1/2
Col. Fuel & Iron	47	46 1/2
Cruible Steel	65 1/2	65 1/2
Erie Common	26 1/2	26 1/2
General Electric	163 1/2	162 1/2
General Motors (new)	113 1/2	114
Great Northern Pfd.	114	114
Inter. Harv., N. J.	115 1/2	115 1/2
Kennecott Copper	44 1/2	45 1/4
Lahigh R. R.	71 1/4	74
New York Central	94 1/2	96
Pennsylvania	54 1/2	54 1/2
Ray Consol.	93 1/2	95 1/2
Reading	93 1/2	94 1/2
Studebaker	100 1/4	101 1/4
Texas Oil	224 1/4	227 1/4
Union Pacific	138	138 1/2
U. S. Steel	108 1/2	109 1/2
Utah	110 1/2	112
Western Union	93 1/2	93 1/2
Westinghouse	49 1/2	50
Wheat	1.57	1.57 1/2

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

SUGAR
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 27.—Sugar: 36 degrees test, 5.27 cents. Previous quotation, 4.97 cents.

(Additional Telegraphic News on Page 2)